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Honorable Romano L. Mazzoli
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Mazzoli:

Before adjourning for the congressional elections, the Senate passed S. 2552, the intelligence personnel protection legislation the Intelligence Community has sought for some time. The legislation is currently pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

Under S. 2552 the federal government can bring its existing law enforcement capabilities to bear against violence which interferes with the mission of the Intelligence Community. The legislation provides federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on U.S. intelligence personnel performing official duties, aliens admitted to permanent residence in the United States under the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 because of their special contribution to the U.S. intelligence effort, and foreign visitors temporarily in the United States under Intelligence Community auspices in furtherance of U.S. intelligence objectives.

As you may recall from the first session of this Congress, these intelligence personnel protection provisions were included in S. 1127, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1982, but they were deleted in conference at the request of the House conferees to allow the House Judiciary Committee to give them full consideration. Chairman Boland of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence subsequently introduced the intelligence personnel protection provisions as H.R. 4940, the companion to S. 2552.

The Subcommittee on Crime has scheduled a hearing on this legislation for 1 December, and I have written to Chairman Rodino and to Subcommittee Chairman Hughes to request expeditious handling of S. 2552 to permit final enactment of this important measure in the remaining days of this Congress. I would be grateful for any assistance that you, as a member of both committees interested in the legislation, can give in this regard.

Sincerely,

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